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Background: Sovbloc civil defense has evidently been actively preparing for several years. Degree and cost of preparation may furnish indications of Soviet intentions or apprehension regarding possibility of nuclear warfare. Full knowledge of Sovbloc civil defense systems and instructions could make possible the development of short range imminence of war indicators by American intelligence.

Note: When separated from the foregoing, requirements may be classified Confidential.

**Requirements:**

**1. Weapons Information:**

a. What information on modern weapons is made available to the public, to medium level civil defense officials, and to the central civil defense staff?

b. Particular, what descriptions of the effects of attacks using nuclear weapons are disseminated? Include blast pressures, radii of damage, radioactivity levels and their duration.

c. What is the attitude of the general population and informed personnel as to the possibility of major nuclear war, expected damage in case of war, and effectiveness of passive defense measures?

d. What weapons information is used in developing civil defense planning assumptions? Are such assumptions developed in the Polish staff or are assumptions furnished by Russians?

**2. Soviet guidance:**

a. Name, give position, and identify field of interest of all USSR civil defense personnel who are known.

b. What civil defense information and guidance is furnished by Soviets? What information is withheld?

c. What is known of the overall USSR civil defense system?

d. What coordination or cooperation is furnished by USSR in civil defense matters? Are agreements in force between Poland and other Communist countries for mutual aid in border areas? When were these put in effect?

**3. Organization:**

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a regional command, and a typical city organization. (Include Polish

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titles and abbreviations) Give personnel strength of offices and units when known, and indicate whether full-time or part-time employees, or unpaid auxiliaries.

b. Amplify functions of Independent Planning Department

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c. differentiating between district and regional headquarters.

d. Describe liaison and/or command channels between special departments of ministries and civil defense headquarters. What authority does civil defense headquarters have over special departments? Describe operative instructions.

4. Operations in Combat:

a. Give organizational description of all operational units to be used in a stricken area.

b. Describe planned operation to include damage reporting and reconnaissance, search and rescue, emergency repairs, medical aid, fire fighting, evacuation and care of refugees and other aspects of interest.

c. How and at what level are local services and civil defense battalions to be integrated for command and operations?

d. Indicate availability of vehicles, aircraft, tools, radiation measuring instruments, protective clothing and other material to be used in operation.

e. Where will civil defense headquarters and operative units be stationed and sheltered in an emergency?

f. What communications are available for headquarters and operative units?

5. Training:

a. Scope of training, give information on effectiveness and by whom accomplished for:

- (1) Dwellings
- (2) Factories
- (3) City services (police, fire, utility crews, transportation, others, and their auxiliaries).
- (4) Medical personnel (regular and auxiliary)
- (5) Battalions
- (6) Staffs at various levels.
- (7) Population at large.

b. How many people are trained for each category? How many are planned? When ready?

c. Give all information possible on training given Polish civil defense officials in USSR. Are courses given specifically for battalion officers in the USSR? Duration and context of course desired as well as any information on USSR students at the course.

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d. Have city or area-wide drills been instituted or when will training be advanced enough to make these feasible?

**6. Construction:**

a. Describe completely shelter construction program in Poland (and what is known of similar construction in other Sovbloc countries.)

b. Describe fully specific types of shelters planned or built including depth; floor plans; specifications of walls and roofs; entrances; doors; internal walls; ventilation systems to include blast traps and filters; provisions for water, sewage and electricity; communications; furnishings; and planned or implemented storage of food, medical and other supplies. (Sketches desired of each type).

c. Give locations of all known shelters, identifying their type or strength, capacity, readiness and for whom intended.

d. Is there any readiness date expressed or implied for shelter preparation?

e. Describe state of Warsaw subway construction and evaluate its possible use as a mass air-raid shelter.

f. What preparations have been made or planned for protection of essential elements of Party and government? Where will they be located, what shelter and communications are available? What measures will be taken to insure continued control and to preserve vital records?

**7. Supplies:**

a. What civil defense supplies are available and planned? Where are they stored and how are they protected?

b. Information is desired on vehicles; planes; protective clothing; gas masks; radiation and gas detection instruments; repair materials for communications; roads and utilities; earthmoving machinery; medical reserves; food; emergency housing or tentage; field kitchens; any others.

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**8. Finance:**

a. What are total expenditures in Poland for civil defense?

b. Where are civil defense costs placed in budget? Under what headings? (at any administrative level)

c. Give all financial data known which is related to civil defense. (If totals are not known, give specific item costs such as salaries of employees, equipment costs, communication cost and rentals, construction costs of shelters or components, training expenditures, etc.)

d. In relation to (c), can numbers of items, permitting logical expansion, be given or estimated?

**9. Blackout and camouflage:**

a. What measures have been taken or planned for blackout? Are materials available?

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b. What camouflage measures are ready or planned? Include smoke and deceptive measures.

10. Evacuation:

a. Has general population an awareness of need for evacuation?

b. What is civil defense planning thought on city evacuation with reduced warning time?

c. Have USSR civil defense advisors expressed views on mass evacuations?

d. If cities were evacuated, what arrangements are made or planned for shelter? Protection from fall-out?

e. How and when will equipment and rolling stock for civil defense purposes be dispersed? (Trucks, earthmoving machinery, fire engines, ambulances, railway trains, etc., usually located in likely urban targets.)

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